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Replacement of the President of the Trade and Development Board

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

In a communication dated 12 December 1990, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD was informed by H.E. Mr. Jean-David Levitte, elected President of the Trade and Development Board at the first part of the thirty-seventh session in October 1990, that he wished to relinquish the presidency of the Board (see Annex).

Following a meeting of the Bureau of the Board with the participation of regional co-ordinators and the representative of China, convened by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 14 December 1990, the Consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, held on the same day, endorsed the nomination of H.E. Mr. Emilio Artacho Castellano, Permanent Representative of Spain, as President designate of the Trade and Development Board, with the understanding that he would be formally elected at the opening of the second part of the thirty-seventh session in March 1991.

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Annex

PERMANENT MISSION OF FRANCE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA
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The Ambassador
No. 276

Geneva, 12 December 1990

Mr. Secretary-General and Dear Friend,

As you know, I have been called on by my Government to take up new duties in Paris.

To my great regret, it is clear that these new duties will not allow me to continue to act, with all the personal commitment that is desirable, in the capacity of President of the Trade and Development Board which was entrusted to me last March by Member States. It seems to me that the preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which will constitute the major part of the Board's work in 1991, requires the permanent presence of the Board's President in Geneva.

For these reasons I think it is preferable, in the very interest of our work, that I should relinquish my duties as President of the thirty-seventh session of the Trade and Development Board.

I should be grateful if you would so inform the delegations of the Member States, and convey to them how much I have appreciated the confidence they have shown in me.

While emphasizing all the pleasure and interest I have had in collaborating with you and your secretariat, I should like before leaving to reiterate my country's constant support for the activities of UNCTAD, whose contribution to maintaining and continuing the dialogue between North and South is essential.

Allow me, Sir, to assure you of my highest esteem and friendship.

(Signed) Jean David LEVITTE

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